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 ((LIEUTENANT COLONEL V. SKRIZHALIN "DISPATCH FROM
 AFGHANISTAN": "DUSHMANS' NEW VICTIMS" -- FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS ARE
 EDITORIAL INTRODUCTION))

((TEXT)) RECENTLY OUR PRESS REPORTED A PROVOCATIVE FALSEHOOD
 CONCOCTED BY THE WEST GERMAN ARD TELEVISION CHANNEL. IN ONE OF
 ITS PROGRAMS IT "INFORMED" FRG VIEWERS OF "ATROCITIES" ALLEGEDLY
 PERPETRATED BY SOVIET AND AFGHAN TROOPS ON DRA TERRITORY. WITHOUT
 BOTHERING TO FIND OUT THE REAL FACTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE
 REPUBLIC, THE PROGRAM'S ORGANIZERS FABRICATED "PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE"
 OF "VICTIMS" AMONG AFGHANISTAN'S POPULATION, FOR WHICH THEY SAY
 THE "RUSSIANS" ARE RESPONSIBLE.

INDEED, THE TRUE FACTS MEAN NOTHING TO THE PROVOCATEURS.
 THESE FACTS GRAPHICALLY SHOW WHO IS BRINGING DEATH AND SUFFERINGS
 TO THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND AT WHOSE BIDDING. THERE ARE NUMEROUS SUCH
 PIECES OF EVIDENCE AND HERE IS ONE OF THEM. OUR CORRESPONDENT IN
 THE DRA DESCRIBES THE DUSHMANS' LATEST BLOODY CRIME AGAINST THE
 PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN.

PANJSHER. A MOUNTAINOUS REGION OF AFGHANISTAN. UNTIL RECENTLY,
 THE COUNTERREVOLUTION REGARDED IT AS ITS OWN DOMAIN. THE REBEL
 LEADER (AKHMAD SHAKH) FORMED HIS GANGS THERE. THE DUSHMANS CARRIED
 OUT COMBAT TRAINING THERE AND RESTED THERE FOLLOWING BLOODY RAIDS.
 THE PEASANTS OF THE PANJSHER, EXTORTIONATELY TAXED AND UNDER PAIN
 OF DEATH, WERE FORCED TO FEED THE BANDITS. STOCKS OF PRECIOUS
 AND SEMIPRECIOUS STONES -- EMERALDS AND LAZURITE -- SEIZED BY
 (AKHMAD SHAKH) AND SENT TO PAKISTAN, ENSURED HIM "MOST-FAVORED
 STATUS" IN THE PROVISION OF MODERN WEAPONS.

HOWEVER, THE REBELS' "PROSPERITY" HAS COME TO AN END. UNDER

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THE ATTACKS OF THE AFGHAN FORCES, THE COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES WERE FORCED TO RETREAT INTO ALMOST INACCESSIBLE GORGES. (AHMAD SHAKH) WAS COUNTING ON SITTING IT OUT THERE UNTIL BETTER TIMES. IN ONE SUCH GORGE, NEAR THE VILLAGE OF (DEKHMINKINI), THE DUSHMANS ESTABLISHED A BASE.

...THE ATTACK WAS UNEXPECTED. THE DUSHMANS, WHO AT FIRST RESISTED STUBBORNLY, PREFERRED TO ESCAPE AND FLEE UNDER THREAT OF BEING SURROUNDED. THEY ABANDONED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, POWERFUL COMMUNICATIONS APPARATUS (APPARENTLY IT WAS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A RADIO CENTER THERE), EQUIPMENT, AND FOOD. THE TROPHIES WERE IMPRESSIVE, BUT THEY WERE OF SECONDARY INTEREST WHEN THE SERVICEMEN SAW THE BASE'S MAIN "SIGHT" -- AN UNDERGROUND PRISON. ON EXAMINING THIS SINISTER STRUCTURE, SOMEBODY REMARKED: "A TIGER PIT." AND INDEED IT WAS AN ENLARGED COPY OF THOSE SAME "TIGER PITS" IN WHICH VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS LANGUISHED DURING THE U.S. AGGRESSION IN INDOCHINA. WELL, THE RESEMBLANCE IS ONLY NATURAL: THE AGGRESSION AGAINST AFGHANISTAN IS BEING DIRECTED FROM THE SAME "COMMAND CENTER" -- WASHINGTON.

THE PANJSHER PRISON WAS A HUGE CELLAR DIVIDED INTO THREE COMPARTMENTS. THERE WERE TRACES OF CAKED BLOOD EVERYWHERE. ON THE FLOOR THERE WERE NUMEROUS INSTRUMENTS OF TORTURE: WIRE LASHES WITH LEAD TIPS, SHARP STICKS, CHAINS, SHACKLES, BLOCKS, HOOKS, AND PINCERS. IN ADDITION TO HOME-MADE PINCERS, THERE WERE NICKEL-PLATED ONES OF ITALIAN MANUFACTURE. THE INQUISITORS HAD FOUND A MORE "FITTING" USE, IN THEIR OPINION, FOR THIS MEDICAL INSTRUMENT.

IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW THESE UNDERGROUND BUNKERS COULD ACCOMMODATE 127 PRISONERS, WHOSE BODIES WERE LATER THROWN BY THE DUSHMANS INTO THE RAPID MOUNTAIN RIVER (MIKINI). THREE CAPTURED DUSHMANS TESTIFIED THAT (AKHMAD SHAH) HAD COME TO THE BASE 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE VILLAINOUS MASSACRE. AND HE HAD ORDERED THE PRISONERS TO BE KILLED IN THE EVENT OF ATTACK. HIS SUBORDINATES STARTED TO EXECUTE THE RINGLEADER'S ORDER IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS A REAL BLOODBATH. THEY CARVED THE PRISONERS' BACKS WITH STRAPS, PUT OUT THEIR EYES, AND CUT OFF NOSES AND EARS. DELIGHTING IN THE PRISONERS' TORTURES, THE DUSHMANS DRAGGED THE BROKEN PEOPLE TO THE STEEP BANK OF THE (MIKINI). THEY SHOT THOSE WHO COULD STILL STAND UP. THEY SIMPLY PUSHED THE OTHERS OVER THE PRECIPICE. THE RIVER SWEEPED THE DISFIGURED BODIES 3 KM DOWNSTREAM WITH THE CURRENT. WHEN, AFTER THE LIBERATION, PEOPLE TRIED TO IDENTIFY THE VICTIMS, THEY WERE TOTALLY UNABLE TO DO SO: THE FACES AND BODIES OF THE WRETCHED PEOPLE WERE SO MUTILATED.

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 ((TEXT)) THE WEST WRITES A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE "LOFTY AIMS"
 FOR WHICH THE AFGHAN "MUJAHIDIN" ARE ALLEGEDLY FIGHTING. IT IS
 POSSIBLE THAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THIS. AFTER ALL, THE DUSHMANS
 ARE PRESENTED TO WESTERN READERS, RADIO AUDIENCES, AND TELEVISION
 VIEWERS IN THE MOST DECENT GUISE POSSIBLE. AND IF THERE ARE
 ALSO REPORTS ABOUT SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS BURNED DOWN BY THE BANDITS
 AND MURDERED PEASANTS, THEY TRY TO DIN INTO ORDINARY PEOPLE'S
 HEADS THAT THIS IS "RED PROPAGANDA."
 ...NOBODY WILL SUCCEED IN VINDICATING THE CRIMES OF THE AFGHAN
 COUNTERREVOLUTION. NOTHING CAN CONCEAL ITS BRUTAL FACE, HOWEVER
 IT IS DISGUISED AND WHATEVER BANNERS IT APPEARS UNDER.
 AT A MEETING IN MEMORY OF THE PANJSHER VICTIMS, ONE OF THE LEADERS
 OF THE OPERATION TO CAPTURE THE PRISON -- COLONEL ZALMAY -- SAID:
 "WE WILL NEVER FORGET WHAT WE HAVE SEEN HERE. THE BLOOD SPILLED
 BY OUR COMRADES CALLS FOR VENGEANCE."
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